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In re Application of: **Eritja et al.**

Docket No. 03038-0202 (42892-265833)


Application No.: **10/055,732**Filed: **January 22, 2002**For: **Compositions And Methods For Synthesis
And Use Of Novel Nucleic Acid Structures****RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS – FILING DATE GRANTED**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Arlington, VA 22202
Sir:

Transmitted herewith are papers in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Formalities Letter – Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application – Filing Date Granted.
- ☒ Response to Notice to File Missing Parts And Preliminary Amendment (includes Sequence Listing - paper copy and computer readable form).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (and \$720.00 check).
- ☒ Supplemental Preliminary Amendment (includes Substitute Specification - Marked-up Version and Clean Version).
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
- ☒ The additional fee is calculated as shown below.

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BASIC FEE			\$370	\$370	\$740	
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- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$435.00** is attached for basic and late filing surcharge; and a check in the amount of **\$720.00** for four-month extension of time is attached.

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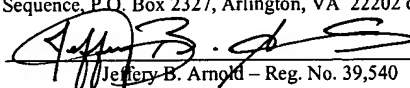
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on February 25, 2002, a six-month period of response which expires on August 26, 2002, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts, an executed Declaration And Power Of Attorney, a check in the amount of \$435.00 for the basic filing fee and surcharge, an initial paper copy and an initial Computer Readable Form of the Sequence Listing which comprises nucleotide and amino acid sequences contained in the application as originally filed, and a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. A Petition for Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$720.00 for the four-months extension fee is enclosed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e) and (f), the Sequence Listing contained in the paper copy as well as the Computer Readable Form contains no new subject matter and the paper copy and the Computer Readable Form are the same.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert pages 1 through 12 which contain the Sequence Listing behind the Abstract of the application.

IN THE DECLARATION

Enclosed is a Declaration And Power Of Attorney executed by co-inventors Ramón Eritja and Ramón Güimil García. Although Christian C. Oste's name appears on the Declaration And Power Of Attorney, it has been determined that he is not a co-inventor of the above-identified application. Accordingly, Christian C. Oste's signature does not appear on the Declaration And Power Of Attorney. Applicants request that the Declaration And Power Of Attorney be accepted and that Ramón Eritja and Ramón Güimil García be identified as the inventors of the above-identified application.

CONCLUSION

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application that may be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or there are any other issues that can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 435.
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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